During the year 2002-03, 3 projects with Central financial assistance of Rs. 746.10 lakhs have been sanctioned in Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal.

The Department of Tourism is also promoting tourist places in the Eastern States through India tourism offices in India and abroad.

Handing over of security of Red Fort to CISF

3369. PROF. M SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to handover the security of historic Red Fort to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what prompted Government to come to this conclusion; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering similar decision in connection with other historic monuments in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) After the decision of the Central Government to develop the Red Fort as one of the cultural and tourism hubs in the country it was felt necessary to get the entire complex vacated by the Army besides attending to conservation, preservation and development of various monuments located therein and the area around. As a result of the inter-ministerial discussions, it has been decided that the Army would vacate the entire Red Fort in phases beginning April, 2003. On 8 April, 2003 the Army has handed over the buildings and open area occupied by the Supply Platoon in Red Fort besides eight security posts.

Accordingly, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has taken over the security of the area under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India from 8 April, 2003 and 205 personnel have till date been deployed in the Red Fort complex. The Central Government have also started a massive programme of conservation and preservation of various buildings under protection, landscaping the open areas and overall development of the entire complex keeping in view the requirements of the tourists. Details of the works are annexed at Statement *(See* below*)*.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

Details of works at Red Fort, Delhi

1. Relaying the stone pathways in Palace area.
2. Repairs to the cells between Delhi Gate to Asad Burj.
3. Restoration of the Baoli.
4. Repairs to the cells between Tea House and Salimgarh Bridge.
5. Conservation of Moti Masjid.
6. Restoration of Nahar-i-Bahist.
7. Conservation of Rang Mahal.
8. Conservation of Khas Mahal, Diwan-i-Am and Hammam.
9. Conservation of Shah Burj.
10. Providing ornamental stone jalis in the openings of the cells towards Ring Road.
11. Repairs to the Naubat Khana.
12. Restoration of Inlay work at Diwan-i-Khas.
13. De-silting of the moat outside the fortification wall on the west.
14. Restoration of the channels and pathways of Hayat Baksh Garden.
15. Conservation of Delhi Gate.
16. Flood lighting the fortification wall from Ring Road side.
17. Landscaping and development of the stretch of land between fortification wall and Ring Road.
18. Opening of Activity Centre and Restaurant in the Tea House building.
19. Landscaping of the open land between the fortification wall and Netaji Subhash Chandra Marg (Chandni Chowk side) on the west.
20. Flood lighting the Fortification Wall on the West.
21. Upgradation of Booking Office-cum-Cloak Room near Lahori Gate.
22. Chemical Cleaning and treatment of the fortification wall.
23. Restoration of paintings of the wooden ceiling of Diwan-i-Am.
24. Chemical cleaning of Paintings on the parapet of Rangmahal.
25. Chemical cleaning of outer walls of Diwan-i-Khas.
26. Chemical cleaning of Shah Burj.
27. Relaying the garden in front of Rangmahal and Diwan-i-Khas.
28. Relaying the Hayat Baksh Garden.

29. Setting up of Interpretation Centre at Naubat Khana.
30. Improvement of open land and the passage between Naubat Khana and Meena Bazaar.
31. Khas Mahal and Musamman Burj.
32. Repairs of the Asad Burj.
33. Water Gate below Khas Mahal and Musamman Burj.
34. City Wall, Darya Ganj.
35. Security/flood Lights within the Red Fort.
36. Repairs to the Salimgarh Fort.
37. Repairs to the City Wall along Nicholson Road near Kashmiri Gate.

Tourists spots in Punjab

3370. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the tourist spots now existing in Punjab;

(b) the details of these spots which are based on religious background and also on other aspects; and

(c) the amount earmarked for renovation and development of the existing tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Some of the important tourist spots in Punjab are :

> Amritsar, Goindwal, Ram Tirth, Harike Wetland, Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, Dholbaha, Jalandhar, Nakodar, Kapurthala, Sultanpur Lodhi, Bhatinda, Faridkot, Sirhind, Aam Khas Bagh, Sanghol, Ferozepur, Patiala, Shambhu, Chattbir Zoo, Roper, Bhakra Nangal Project, Sangrur.

(b) Some of the important religious places are :

> Amritsar, Taran Taran, Baba Bakala, Dera Baba Nanak, Sri Hargobindpur, Batala, Qadian, Kartarpur, Talwandi Sabo, Fatehgarh Sahib, Muktsar, Anandpur Sahib.

(c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India, provides Central financial assistance for Integrated Development of tourist circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development. A proposal for development of Amritsar as a tourist destination is under consideration